



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: USE OF ELLAGIC ACID AND ITS DERIVATIVES  
IN COSMETICS AND DERMATOLOGY

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 31, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claim:

--70. (New) A method for improving dermis-epidermis cohesion in a subject in need thereof, comprising the steps of:

determining an area of the epidermis of the subject in which cohesion appears to be deficient; and

applying to said area a composition containing an amount  
of an ellagic acid component selected from the group

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